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## Pandemic Flu Particulars

Tips to help communities prepare for, survive and recover from pandemic flu and other disasters

In 2006, the White House released its “Implementation Plan for the National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza,” in which was included “...it is essential that governmental entities at all levels continue to provide essential public safety services and maintain public order.”

The Dept. of Justice’s [“The Role of Law Enforcement in Public Health Emergencies”](#) offers good advice on how to accomplish this mission during a pandemic flu that could push police force absenteeism up to 40 percent. Law enforcement’s role during a pandemic flu may include:

- ◆ Enforcing public health orders such as quarantines and travel restrictions;
- ◆ Securing the perimeter of contaminated areas;
- ◆ Securing health care facilities;
- ◆ Controlling crowds;
- ◆ Investigating scenes of suspected biological terrorism;
- ◆ Protecting national stockpiles of vaccines and other medicines.

**Law enforcement** will respond most effectively with:

- ◆ An all-hazards control plan in place before a major public health outbreak.
- ◆ A basic education for officers about infectious disease biology—modes of transmission, routes of entry, exposure prevention.
- ◆ The encouragement of immunizations.
- ◆ Sick leave policies that encourage officers to stay home when sick rather than spread the disease to other officers.
- ◆ Good relations with community groups that can help with law enforcement.

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